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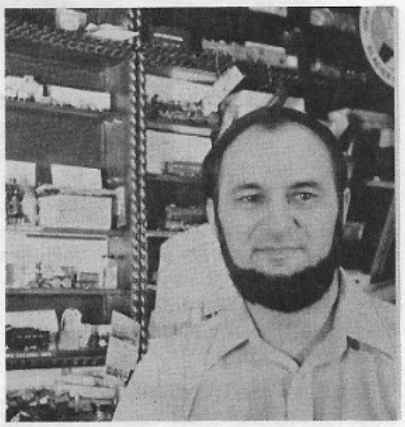

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Graham Harvey is 39 years old, married with two sons, and is employed as a branch manager for the New York Stock Exchange firm of Tobey & Kirk in Long Beach, N.Y. His latent interest in railroading was sparked by the displays at the New York Worlds Fair of 1939. While in school during the war, his first pieces of rolling stock were turned out from the typical kits of the period, featuring such quality materials as carboard and pine, with ersatz trucks calculated to last almost till the real thing became available after wartime restrictions were lifted. The greatly improved post-war products hit the market coincidentally with his first part-time job and so began a still-continuing acquisition program.

After high school Graham attended Barrington College in Rhode Island, where a 4'x6' layout was soon in operation, as large as possible, with the disapproval of the resident dean.

The 711-day military career began with a passenger train materializing from kits secreted in the bottom of the basic training S.O.P. foot locker arrangement, privacy and individual identity having been discovered by the Army at a later date. After duty in Pennsylvania and Europe, and an extended vacation on the road, it was back to book larnin' at M.I.T. and an on-and-off association with the Tech Nickle Plate RR of the resident Model Railroad Club.

Graham is a student of transportation evolution, with interests in sailing ships, canal and steamboat development, as well as railroad history. He has an extensive collection of railroad models from all periods and almost as many countries, with as many scratch-built ship models as time has allowed, with ⅛-inch scale predominating — considered small for ship models. The boyhood Lionel set was the foundation of an interest in toy trains and led to a collection of tinplate and early scale model railroad products.

Graham has been NER vice president, convention chairman, and financial planning co-ordinator, and a founding director of the Sunrise Trail Division, and is finishing a term as division president. His greatest frustration in model railroading has been with the NER Commemorative PA-1 locos, since the project was beset with problems from the start, but is fast approaching a happy conclusion. His major organizational interest now is in how to present the hobby to the non-involved public, through public-oriented activities outside of or combined with our NMRA "meets."

He is currently a member of such diverse organizations as Train Collectors Association, National Railway Historical Society, Scotian Railway Society, Long Island Ship Model Society, and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. A member of the Long Island Modellers Association, Graham's present operation is limited to the club, but constant improvements are being made to the long-planned home layout. When it does reach the construction stage, it will connect the Great Northern, Burlington, and the Colorado narrow gauge lines with the Long Island and Wayupanback Mtn. Railroads. Under construction is an 1880 era steam car ferry to provide access to the mainland. He has yet to explain the 3.5mm scale to the ship model society.